

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 25-30 and 32-35 are pending in the application. Claims 25-30 and 32-35 have not been amended. Claims 18-24 and 31 have been cancelled and may be the subject of a divisional application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner requested several changes to the specification and abstract to expedite allowance of the present application. As the specification and abstract have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration of the present application and his suggestions as how to place the application in condition for allowance.

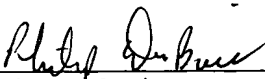
In view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, therefore applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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Appendix:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- new Abstract of the Disclosure